

COMBATING TERRORISM

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs, and International Relations held a hearing on "Combating Terrorism: Protecting the United States—Part 1." Testimony was heard from Frank Keating, Governor, State of Oklahoma; Henry L. Hinton, Managing Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO; and public witnesses.

COMBATING ILLEGAL GAMBLING REFORM AND MODERNIZATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 3215, Combating Illegal Gambling Reform and Modernization Act.

OVERSIGHT—FOREST SERVICE PROGRAM BUDGET

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Fiscal Year 2003 Forest Service Program Budget. Testimony was heard from Dale N. Bosworth, Chief, Forest Service, USDA.

TWO STRIKES AND YOU'RE OUT CHILD PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 2146, Two Strikes and You're Out Child Protection Act, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered open to amendment at any point. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner.

CLASS ACTION FAIRNESS ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on H.R. 2341, Class Action Fairness Act of 2001, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute rec-

ommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that each amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against such amendments. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representatives Frank, Nadler, Lofgren and Waters.

WELFARE REFORM—PLAN TO BUILD ON SUCCESSES

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the Administration's Plan to Build on the Successes of Welfare Reform. Testimony was heard from Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST of March 11, 2002, p. D206)

H.R. 2998, to authorize the establishment of Radio Free Afghanistan. Signed on March 11, 2002. (Public Law 107-148)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 13, 2002**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Commerce, 10:30 a.m., SD-116.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Library of Congress and the Congressional Research Service, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.